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A Summary of Reports of Church Membership

The biennial compilation of statistics of church membership, appearing in the *Yearbook of American Churches, 1943*, is published in this issue. It reveals an inclusive church membership in 256 religious bodies, mainly for years ending in 1941-42, of 67,327,719 persons. This is the largest total ever reported. For interpretations by Benson Y. Landis, associate secretary of the Department of Research and Education, and editor of the *Yearbook*, see the paragraphs below. The *Yearbook of American Churches, 1943* (16th issue, biennial) is published this month by Sowers Printing Company, Lebanon, Pa., at $3.00 a copy. It contains numerous directories of religious organizations in the United States and other valuable reference material.

The latest information reported by 256 religious bodies for the continental United States indicates a total church membership of 67,327,719 persons, of whom 54,890,044 were 13 years of age and over. The figures supplied by church officials are mainly for years ending in 1941 or 1942. For a number of the bodies, however, the latest reports are those of the Census of Religious Bodies, 1936, published in 1940. The years for which the figures apply are given in the tables below. The inclusive church membership previously reported in the *Yearbook of American Churches, 1941,* was 64,501,594 persons. Thus the total now reported is a gain of 2,826,125 members for the two-year period.

In 1941 there were reports from 250 religious bodies; in 1943 there are 256 statistical reports. The number of religious bodies reporting and the inclusive figure for church membership are thus both the highest ever reported in any census or by any compiler.

Slightly over 97 per cent of the church members of the nation were found in the 52 religious bodies with 50,000 or more members. The remaining three per cent were in the 204 smaller bodies. In the reports published in 1941, about the same distribution occurred.

The number of local churches reported in the current compilation was 249,887, an increase of 5,568 over the total of 244,319 published in 1941.

The inclusive church membership of 67,327,719 persons reported for 1941-42 was 50.3 per cent of the total population of the continental United States of 133,952,672 persons, as estimated by the federal Bureau of the Census for January 1, 1942. This is the highest proportion of church membership in the total population ever reported. However, it must be made clear that this compilation of church membership is not *directly comparable* with that of any previous summary. As will be seen in Table IV, the number of religious bodies reporting has varied in every recent tabulation.

There are no annual comprehensive figures on church attendance at all, and reports of contributions are complete only for the limited number of denominations that supply annual reports to the United Stewardship Council. INFORMATION SERVICE for October 17, 1942, contained comparable figures on giving to 16 Protestant bodies for the years 1921 to 1942 inclusive. These showed that per capita gifts to 16 denominations for all purposes increased from $13.79 in 1939 to $15.17 in 1942. The 16 bodies reporting had 23,120,929 members in 1942 and 22,344,420 in 1939.

The Department of Commerce makes an annual estimate of total consumer expenditures and includes an item of "gifts and bequests to religion." The latest estimate published was for the year 1941, and gifts and bequests to religion were approximately $657,000,000, out of total consumer expenditures during that year of about $85,120,700,000. These estimates indicate that gifts to religion were somewhat less than one per cent of total consumer expenditures. However, as before noted, members of religious bodies constitute only about one-half of the population.

A further word with respect to the 1936 Census of Religious Bodies may be necessary. Certain officials of religious bodies that make no annual reports of membership simply ask the compiler to "use the 1936 figures." Also, the reports found in that Census are used when no reply is received to three requests from the compiler for information. That Census was regarded as complete by officers of many religious bodies, but as incomplete by others. In INFORMATION SERVICE for November 2, 1940, it was estimated that about one-fifth of the local churches did not respond to the schedules mailed by the Bureau of the Census in the 1936 Census of Religious Bodies.

Table I
STATISTICS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

'A Compilation of "The Latest Information"—Alphabetical Listing

Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Adventist Bodies:				
Advent Christian Church	'42	427	30,115	29,560
Church of God	'40	79	5,295	5,295
Life and Advent Union	'42	6	326	320
Seventh Day Adventists	'42	2,491	186,478	169,135
Primitive Advent Christian Church	'36	14	538	536
African Orthodox Church	'42	32	5,200	3,943
Amana Church Society	'42	7	895	895
American Ethical Union	'42	6	3,000	3,000
American Rescue Workers	'42	4	300	240, Est.
Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God	'42	200	8,000	7,200, Est.
Assemblies of God	'42	4,840	222,730	222,730, Est.
Assyrian Jacobite Apostolic Church	'36	4	3,100	2,240
Baha'i Faith	'42	88	4,489	3,591, Est.
Baptist Bodies:				
No. Baptist Convention	'42	7,365	1,538,871	1,461,027, Est.
So. Baptist Convention	'42	25,737	5,367,129	5,098,772, Est.
National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., and National Baptist Convention of America	'42	24,575	3,911,612	3,619,451
American Baptist Association	'36	1,064	115,022	93,955
Christian Unity Baptist Association	'42	10	366	366
Colored Primitive Baptists	'36	1,009	43,897	42,135
Duck River (and Kindred) Associations of Baptists	'36	91	7,951	7,633
Evangelical Baptist Church (Inc.)	'42	4	400	400
Free Will Baptists	'40	1,102	118,871	117,130, Est.
General Baptists	'42	580	39,600	33,264, Est.
General Six Principle Baptists	'42	4	302	296
Independent Baptist Church of America	'36	8	129	101
National Baptist Evangelical Life and Soul Saving Assembly of U. S. A.	'40	176	55,897	49,749, Est.
Primitive Baptists	'36	1,726	69,157	68,881
Regular Baptists	'36	266	17,186	17,118, Est.
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, North	'36	84	22,345	20,803
Separate Baptists	'40	59	5,287	3,660
Seventh Day Baptists	'42	66	6,765	6,765
Seventh Day Baptists (German, 1728)	'42	2	125	125
Two-Seed-In-The-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists	'36	16	201	173
United American Free Will Baptist Church	'42	1,712	60,000	52,694
United Baptists	'36	277	27,000	26,757, Est.
Bible Protestant Church, Eastern Conference (Continuing Eastern Conference, Methodist Protestant Church)	'42	35	1,870	1,870
Brethren, German Baptists (Dunkers):				
Brethren Church (Progressive Dunkers)	'42	97	16,590	14,931
Church of the Brethren	'42	1,019	179,843	175,416, Est.
Church of God (New Dunkers)	'42	10	958	933
Old German Baptist Brethren	'36	67	3,589	3,522
Plymouth Brethren	'36	664	25,806	25,390
Brethren, River:				
Old Order or Yorker Brethren	'36	7	291	291
Brethren in Christ	'41	126	5,129	5,129
United Zion's Children	'40	22	1,025	1,000, Est.
Buddhist Mission of N. A.	'40	42	35,000	26,740, Est.
Catholic Apostolic Church	'36	7	2,577	2,577, Est.
Christadelphians	'36	109	2,755	2,452
Christian and Missionary Alliance	'39	510	32,872	31,458, Est.
Christian Nation Church	'36	5	112	108
Christian Union	'38	220	15,400	14,337
Christ's Sanctified Holy Church	'42	34	504	504
Church of Armenia in America	'36	37	18,787	10,047
Church of Christ, Holiness, U. S. A.	'36	106	7,379	6,597, Est.
Church of Christ, Scientist	'36	2,113	268,915	268,915
Church of Eternal Life	'40	2	113	100
Churches of God:				
Church of God	'42	1,686	82,462	72,154
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	'42	1,412	83,875	71,293, Est.
Church of God, Seventh Day	'36	39	1,154	1,090
The (Original) Church of God	'36	58	2,269	2,159, Est.
The Church of God	'42	777	20,065	20,065, Est
The Church of God	'42	68	4,000	4,000
Church of God and Saints of Christ	'36	213	37,084	26,711
Church of God in Christ	'36	772	31,564	28,534, Est.
Church of the Gospel	'40	5	47	47
Church of the Nazarene	'42	2,898	180,243	180,243
The Church of Revelation	'42	3	722	722
Churches of Christ	'36	3,815	309,551	309,551, Est.
Churches of Christ in Christian Union of Ohio	'42	113	4,000	4,000
Churches of God, Holiness	'36	35	5,872	4,377
Churches of God in North America (General Eldership)	'42	415	33,727	33,727
Churches of the Living God:				
Church of the Living God (Christian Workers for Fellowship)	'42	8	110	110
Church of the Living God, The Pillar and Ground of the Truth	'36	119	4,838	4,460
Churches of the New Jerusalem:				
General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the U. S. A.	'41	70	4,780	4,780
General Church of the New Jerusalem	'39	8	1,279	1,279
Congregational Christian Churches	'41	5,827	1,052,701	1,052,701
Congregational Holiness Church	'42	74	2,407	2,373, Est.
Disciples of Christ	'42	7,919	1,655,580	1,489,995, Est.
Divine Science College and Church	'36	18	4,085	4,085
Eastern Orthodox Churches:				
Albanian Orthodox Church	'36	13	3,137	1,974
American Holy Orthodox Catholic Apostolic Eastern Church	'42	6	1,050	727, Est.
Apostolic Episcopal Church	'42	11	6,389	3,520
Bulgarian Orthodox Church	'40	6	1,336	796
Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic)	'42	275	650,000	480,000, Est.
Holy Orthodox Church in America (Eastern Catholic and Apostolic	'42	12	861	844
Roumanian Orthodox Church	'42	32	25,000	20,500, Est.

Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America	'43	250	300,000	200,000
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church	'42	45	110,000	110,000
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of New York and All North America	'42	76	20,300	12,900
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	'42	51	40,562	36,451, Est.
Erieside Church	'36	1	85	85
Evangelical and Reformed Church	'41	2,850	662,953	596,658, Est.
Evangelical Church	'42	1,983	248,475	238,379
Evangelical Congregational Church	'42	160	25,241	24,560
Evangelistic Associations:				
Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarean)	'36	31	1,663	1,547
Apostolic Christian Church of America	'43	53	6,425	6,425
Apostolic Faith Mission	'36	17	2,288	1,838
The Christian Congregation	'42	22	3,200	2,700
Church of Daniel's Band	'42	4	113	113
Church of God (Apostolic)	'38	49	3,085	2,895
Church of God as Organized by Christ	'38	14	2,192	2,192
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association	'42	24	310	310
Metropolitan Church Association	'36	14	961	961
Missionary Bands of the World	'42	7	258	258
The Missionary Church Association	'42	58	5,000	4,850
Pillar of Fire	'36	46	4,044	3,150
Faith Tabernacle	'42	1	200	150
Federated Churches	'36	508	88,411	88,093
Fire Baptized Holiness Church	'40	300	6,000	5,838, Est.
Free Christian Zion Church of Christ	'42	36	1,934	1,862
Friends:				
Primitive Friends	'43	1	11	11
Religious Society of Friends (Conservative)	'36	31	3,351	2,899, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (General Conference)	'42	146	16,875	15,187, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Five Years Meeting)	'42	508	69,832	58,258
Religious Society of Friends of Phila. and Vicinity	'41	33	4,925	4,432, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Kansas Yearly Meeting)	'41	83	8,903	8,012, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Ohio Yearly Meeting)	'42	62	5,140	4,120, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Oregon Yearly Meeting)	'42	43	3,306	2,975, Est.
Religious Society of Friends (Central Yearly Meeting)	'41	14	879	724, Est.
Holiness Church	'40	18	620	602
Holiness Church of God	'42	26	640	600
House of David	'40	1	300	300
House of God, Holy Church of the Living God, The Pillar and Ground of the Truth, House of Prayer for all People	'36	4	200	75, Est.
House of the Lord	'36	4	302	302, Est.
Church of Illumination	'42	6	3,000	3,000
Independent Churches	'36	384	40,276	37,618
Independent Fundamental Churches of America	'43	435	50,000	50,000
Independent Negro Churches	'36	50	12,337	12,005
International Church of the Four-square Gospel	'42	408	250,000	250,000
Italian Bodies:				
General Council of the Italian Pentecostal Assemblies of God	'36	16	1,547	1,391
Unorganized Italian Christian Churches of N. A.	'36	104	9,567	7,323, Est.
Jewish Congregations	'36	3,728	4,641,184	3,341,652, Est.
Kodesh Church of Immanuel	'36	9	562	354
Latter Day Saints:				
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)	'40	56	2,179	2,121, Est.
Church of Jesus Christ (Bickertonites)	'42	32	2,000	1,890, Est.
Church of Jesus Christ (Cutlerites)	'42	2	27	24
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'41	1,598	816,774	668,667
Church of Jesus Christ (Strangites)	'36	4	123	96
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'42	563	110,481	99,432
The Latter House of the Lord (Apostolic Faith)	'36	2	29	26
Liberal Catholic Church	'40	34	2,000	1,730
Lithuanian National Reformed Church)	'42	5	1,917	1,542
Lutherans:				
American Lutheran Conference:				
American Lutheran Church	'41	1,826	547,812	388,072
Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod	'41	1,126	352,571	267,172
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America	'41	2,477	569,112	399,732
The Lutheran Free Church	'40	385	49,506	36,847
The United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	'41	171	33,439	16,522
Lutheran Synodical Conference of N. A.:				
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States	'41	4,326	1,320,510	930,791
The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States	'42	745	315,560	188,447
Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Synod of America	'42	61	22,424	15,645
The Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church	'41	65	8,777	6,295
Negro Mission of Synodical Conference	'41	85	10,724	6,246
The United Lutheran Church in America	'41	4,046	1,709,290	1,223,222
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America	'40	28	2,250	1,689, Est.
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (Eielsen Synod)	'42	13	1,380	1,000
Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church	'42	65	14,511	11,277
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod)	'43	178	28,185	21,524
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran National Church in America	'42	72	5,928	4,140
Icelandic Evangelical Lutheran Synod in N. A.	'41	16	1,386	1,041
Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	'41	88	18,505	13,814
The Protestant Conference (Lutheran)	'36	22	3,253	2,326
Independent Lutheran Churches	'36	15	2,423	1,806
Mayan Temple	'42	5	1,559	1,489
Mennonite Bodies:				
Central Conference of Mennonites	'42	23	3,214	3,050

Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Church of God in Christ (Mennonite)	'40	28	(1938) 3,000	2,985, Est.
Conference of Defenseless Mennonites of N. A.	'42	12	1,625	1,250
Evangelical Mennonite Brethren	'36	10	1,184	1,076
Conservative Amish Mennonite Church	'42	23	2,729	2,729
The General Conference of the Mennonite Church of North America	'42	178	36,032	36,032
Hutterian Brethren	'42	7	265	265
Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Conference	'40	12	1,558	1,216, Est.
Mennonite Brethren in Christ	'42	138	10,293	9,181
Mennonite Brethren Church of North America	'41	135	16,125	16,125
Mennonite Church	'42	445	51,879	50,000
Mennonite Kleine Gemeinde	'36	2	275	275
Old Order Amish Mennonite Church	'43	151	12,053	11,800
Old Order Mennonite Church (Wisler)	'43	31	2,863	2,700
Reformed Mennonite Church	'42	25	1,500	1,150
Stauffer Mennonite Church	'43	2	190	190
Unaffiliated Mennonite Congregations	'42	5	427	400
Methodist Bodies:				
African Methodist Episcopal Church	'42	7,265	868,735	667,035
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	'36	2,252	414,244	332,376
African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church	'42	38	2,379	2,274
Apostolic Methodist Church	'36	2	31	27
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	'42	4,200	380,000	320,000
The Congregational Methodist Church	'41	165	14,600	14,600
Free Methodist Church of North America	'42	1,295	45,940	42,645, Est.
Holiness Methodist Church	'42	7	578	565
The Independent A. M. E. Denomination	'40	12	1,000	905, Est.
The Methodist Church	'42	42,206	6,640,424	5,976,681, Est.
New Congregational Methodist Church	'36	25	1,449	1,338
Primitive Methodist Church	'42	88	12,185	12,185
Reformed Methodist Church	'42	12	310	307, Est.
Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church	'42	43	3,000	3,000
Reformed New Congregational Methodist Church	'36	8	329	323
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church	'42	50	12,000	12,000
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church	'36	71	9,369	7,919, Est.
Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America	'42	779	28,177	27,160, Est.
Methodist Episcopal Church, South	'42	38	3,517	3,400
Moravian Bodies:				
Bohemian and Moravian Brethren Church	'42	2	275	275
Evangelical Unity of Bohemian and Moravian Brethren in North America	'40	41	4,538	3,741
Moravian Church (Unitas Fratrum	'42	142	39,004	30,048
National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union, (Inc.) U.S.A.	'42	23	3,123	2,831
New Apostolic Church of North America	'42	74	5,856	4,489
Old Catholic Churches:				
The American Catholic Church, Archdiocese of N. Y.	'40	4	1,400	1,100
The American Catholic Church, Syro-Antiochean	'42	47	18,327	8,564
North American Old Roman Catholic Church	'42	36	14,985	11,527
Old Catholic Church	'42	141	39,600	38,700
The Old Catholic Church in America	'40	28	6,274	5,545
Pentecostal Assemblies:				
Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness Church	'42	69	1,810	1,810
Church of God in Christ (Pentecostal)	'36	9	210	179
Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, Inc.	'42	450	17,000	15,300
International Pentecostal Assemblies	'36	98	6,333	5,517
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World	'36	87	5,713	4,937, Est.
Pentecostal Church of God in America	'36	81	4,296	3,616
Pentecostal Church, Inc.	'40	300	15,000	13,290
Calvary Pentecostal Church, Inc.	'40	39	12,000	12,000
Pentecostal Holiness Church	'40	684	22,725	20,453, Est.
Pilgrim Holiness Church.	'42	697	24,785	24,785
Polish National Catholic Church	'36	118	63,366	47,921
Presbyterian Bodies:				
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	'43	145	23,491	20,570, Est.
Associate Presbyterian Church of N. A.	'40	8	250	242, Est.
Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church	'40	307	25,000	15,000, Est.
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	'42	1,088	72,591	50,814, Est.
Presbyterian Church in the United States	'42	3,500	546,479	508,225, Est.
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America	'42	8,511	1,986,257	1,906,807
Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, General Synod	'42	11	1,637	1,628, Est.
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church	'42	67	6,245	4,911
Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. (Old School)	'42	84	6,065	6,065
United Presbyterian Church of N. A.	'42	850	190,724	171,652, Est.
Protestant Episcopal Church	'42	7,685	2,074,178	1,467,599
Reformed Bodies:				
Christian Reformed Church	'42	306	126,293	69,980
Free Magyar Reformed Church in America	'42	21	6,126	5,901
Reformed Church in America	'42	727	163,835	163,835
Reformed Episcopal Church	'42	68	8,639	8,625
The Roman Catholic Church	'43	18,976	22,945,247	16,858,210, Est.
The Salvation Army	'42	1,515	220,367	96,961, Est.
Scandinavian Evangelical Bodies:				
Norwegian and Danish Evangelical Free Church Association of North America	'42	51	5,000	4,000, Est.
The Evangelical Free Church of America	'42	130	12,000	12,000
Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America	'42	438	46,881	46,745, Est.
Schwenkfelders	'42	5	2,050	2,050
Social Brethren	'40	14	521	513

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Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Spiritualists:				
International General Assembly of Spiritualists..	'40	90	1,350	1,301, Est.
The National Spiritual Alliance of the United States of America.....	'42	264	5,380	5,380
National Spiritualist Association, Inc.	'36	258	11,266	10,885
Progressive Spiritual Church	'36	21	11,347	10,506, Est.
Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ	'40	400, Est.	30,000, Est.	30,000, Est.
Unitarian Churches	'41	365	61,600	61,600
United Brethren Bodies:				
United Brethren in Christ	'42	2,788	425,337	382,804
United Christian Church	'42	14	676	676
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution)	'36	248	15,401	14,832, Est.
United Holy Church of America, Inc.	'42	502	32,000	29,000, Est.
United Society of Believers (Shakers)	'43	3	70	12
Universal Emancipation Church	'36	1	18	18
The Universalist Church..	'43	483	48,665	46,891, Est.
Vedanta Society of New York	'42	1	30	30
Volunteers of America (National Society)	'42	94	4,230	4,230, Est.
No. of Statistical Reports: 256		249,887	67,327,719	54,890,044

Table II
THE LARGER RELIGIOUS BODIES—WITH 50,000 MEMBERS AND OVER
Arranged Alphabetically

Name of Religious Body	Year	No. of Churches	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Seventh Day Adventists...	'42	2,491	186,478	169,135
Assemblies of God.....	'42	4,840	222,730	222,730, Est.
Baptist Bodies:				
Northern Baptist Convention	'42	7,365	1,538,871	1,461,027, Est.
Southern Baptist Convention	'42	25,737	5,367,129	5,098,772, Est.
National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. and National Baptist Convention of America	'42	24,575	3,911,612	3,619,451
American Baptist Association	'36	1,064	115,022	93,955
Free Will Baptists.....	'40	1,102	118,871	117,130, Est.
National Baptist Evangelical Life and Soul Saving Assembly of U.S.A.....	'40	176	55,897	49,749, Est.
Primitive Baptists	'36	1,726	69,157	68,881
United American Free Will Baptist Church....	'42	1,712	60,000	52,694
Church of the Brethren..	'42	1,019	179,843	175,416, Est.
Church of Christ, Scientist	'36	2,113	268,915	268,915
Churches of God:				
Church of God.....	'42	1,686	82,462	72,154
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	'42	1,412	83,875	71,293
Church of the Nazarene...	'42	2,898	180,243	180,243
Churches of Christ.....	'36	3,815	309,551	309,551, Est.
Congregational Christian Churches	'41	5,827	1,052,701	1,052,701
Disciples of Christ.....	'42	7,919	1,655,580	1,489,995, Est.
Eastern Orthodox Churches:				
Greek Orthodox Church (Hellenic)	'42	275	650,000	480,000, Est.
Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of North America	'43	250	300,000	200,000
Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church	'42	45	110,000	110,000
Evangelical and Reformed Church	'41	2,850	662,953	596,658, Est.
Evangelical Church	'42	1,983	248,475	238,379
Religious Society of Friends (Five Years Meeting)	'42	508	69,832	58,258
Independent Fundamental Churches of America....	'43	435	50,000	50,000
International Church of the Four-square Gospel	'42	408	250,000	250,000
Jewish Congregations ...	'36	3,728	4,641,184	3,341,652, Est.
Latter Day Saints:				
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'41	1,598	816,774	668,667
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	'42	563	110,481	99,432
Lutherans:				
American Lutheran Conference:				
American Lutheran Church	'41	1,826	547,812	388,072
Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod	'41	1,126	352,571	267,172
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America.....	'41	2,477	569,112	399,732
Lutheran Synodical Conference of N. A.:				
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States.....	'41	4,326	1,320,510	930,791
The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States.....	'42	745	315,560	188,447
The United Lutheran Church in America.....	'41	4,046	1,709,290	1,223,222
Mennonite Church	'42	445	51,879	50,000
Methodist Bodies:				
African Methodist Episcopal Church	'42	7,265	868,735	667,035
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.....	'36	2,252	414,244	332,376
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	'42	4,200	380,000	320,000
The Methodist Church..	'42	42,206	6,640,424	5,976,681, Est.
Polish National Catholic Church	'36	118	63,366	47,921
Presbyterian Bodies:				
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	'42	1,088	72,591	50,814, Est.
Presbyterian Church in the United States	'42	3,500	546,479	508,225, Est.
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America	'42	8,511	1,986,257	1,906,807
United Presbyterian Church of N. A.....	'42	850	190,724	171,652, Est.
Protestant Episcopal Church	'42	7,685	2,074,178	1,467,599
Reformed Bodies:				
Christian Reformed Church	'42	306	126,293	69,980
Reformed Church in America	'42	727	163,835	163,835
The Roman Catholic Church	'43	18,976	22,945,247	16,858,210, Est.
The Salvation Army.....	'42	1,515	220,367	96,961, Est.
Unitarian Churches	'41	365	61,600	61,600
United Brethren in Christ	'42	2,788	425,337	382,804
Totals: No. of Bodies, 52		227,463	65,415,047	53,196,774

Table III
ANALYSIS OF THE 1941-1942 COMPILATION

	No. of Local Churches Reported	Inclusive Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over
Roman Catholic Church.....	18,976	22,945,247	16,858,210
Old Catholic Churches.....	256	80,586	65,436
Eastern Orthodox Churches....	777	1,158,635	867,712
Jewish Congregations	3,728	4,641,184	3,341,652
"Protestant" Bodies over 50,000	204,579	36,793,661	32,247,084
Other Bodies	21,571	1,708,406	1,509,950
Totals	249,837	67,327,719	54,890,044

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Table IV

RECENT TABULATIONS OF STATISTICS OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Name of Compiler	No. of Religious Bodies Reporting	No. of Local Churches Reported	Inclusive Church Membership	Membership 13 years of age and over	Year Published	For Fiscal Years Ending Mainly in
B. Y. Landis, Yearbook of American Churches	256	249,887	67,327,719	54,890,044	1943	1941 & '42
B. Y. Landis, Yearbook of American Churches	250	244,319	64,501,594	52,405,659	1941	1939 & '40
H. C. Weber, Information Service	202	248,410	64,156,895	52,379,579	1939	1937 & '38
H. C. Weber, Christian Herald	225	246,418	63,848,094	52,156,226	1938	1937 & '38
Maude H. Kieffer, Christian Herald	222	245,422	63,493,036	51,745,907	1937	1936
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	221	244,812	62,655,632	51,022,512	1936	1935
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	207	244,436	62,007,376	50,496,749	1935	1934
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	236	242,011	60,812,624	49,599,281	1934	1933
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	204	240,811	60,157,392	49,350,867	1933	1932
George L. Kieffer, Christian Herald	204	238,966	59,797,851	49,107,957	1932	1931

Sunday and Vacation Schools

Through the cooperation of the Department of Research of the International Council of Religious Education, 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, the Editor of the *Yearbook of American Churches* is able to present a compilation of the latest information about Sunday schools and vacation schools. These reports are published in detail in the 1943 *Yearbook* of the International Council. For some religious bodies, the figures were incomplete. A summary of the totals for the items reported is given in the table below:

Sunday and Vacation Schools

(A compilation of "the latest information" from 258 religious bodies, mainly for years ending in 1941-42, but in many instances for 1936.)

	Number
Sunday or Sabbath Schools	213,424
Officers and Teachers	2,324,090
Pupils	22,776,620
Vacation Bible or Church Schools	63,613
Officers and Teachers	264,895
Pupils	2,675,639

Comprehensive Social Security Bill

Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York has introduced S. 1161, with Senator James E. Murray of Montana, as co-sponsor. Representative John Dingell of Michigan sponsors the companion measure, H.R. 2861. The purposes of the measure are in general accord with those recently proposed by the National Resources Planning Board, except that in the social security bill there are no references to public works or a youth program. (For a digest of the Planning Board's program see INFORMATION SERVICE for April 3 ,1943.) The Wagner bill is also in some respects similar to the one sponsored in the previous Congress by Representative Thomas H. Eliot of Massachusetts, who introduced the measure at the request of the American Federation of Labor. Senator Wagner has announced that his bill generally embraces recommendations recently made by the Social Security Board for the extension of the Social Security Act, and that the current measure also has the endorsement of both the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. In proposing a system of nation-wide insurance to provide for expenses of medical and hospital care, Senator Wagner has, however, gone further than the Social Security Board.

The Wagner bill would create a national system of unemployment insurance, now administered by the states, with widely varying benefits. It would provide for maximum benefits up to $30 a week in times of unemployment for insured workers, for a period up to six months. At present the maximum benefit in one state only is $30 a week for a two-week period; the average benefit per insured worker is about $15 a week for a period of about 16 weeks.

For old age and survivors' insurance, the bill provides for both an increase in benefits and an extension of the protection to about 15,000,000 persons not now included. The groups to be protected include farm laborers, domestic servants, the self-employed persons, and the employes of non-profit institutions. Exceptions are made with respect to ministers and members of religious orders.

The maximum benefits payable under old age and survivors' insurance are increased from $85 monthly to $120. The minimum is increased from $10 monthly for a single person to $20; for a married couple over 60 years of age the minimum is fixed at $30. The bill reduces from 65 to 60 years the age when a woman worker may become eligible for old-age benefits. The measure provides for monthly cash benefits in cases where workers become permanently disabled before reaching retirement age; these benefits would be equal to those paid under old age insurance, with allowances for dependents.

"Federal medical, hospitalization and related benefits," under the bill, would become available to all persons to be covered by old age and survivors' insurance. Benefits for hospitalization would be paid for a maximum of 30 days a year, a minimum of $3.00 and a maximum of $6.00 a day. The individual would have freedom to choose both hospital and physician.

Workers covered by unemployment insurance, who are temporarily disabled by illness or injury, would also be paid benefits equivalent to those for unemployment, as given above, for a maximum of 26 weeks, after a waiting period of one week. Married women workers would also be entitled to benefits equivalent to those for unemployment, for 12 weeks of maternity leave.

Senator Wagner estimates that payments by employers and employes for the various types of insurance would amount to $6,000,000,000 a year instead of $2,000,000,000, as at present. Employes to be fully covered by unemployment and old age and survivors' insurance would contribute a total of six per cent of their wages, up to a maximum wage base of $3,000 a year, per individual; employers would pay a like percentage. According to the present bill, both employers and employes would each pay three and a half per cent of wages, up to $3,000 per individual for "old-age, survivors', permanent disability and medical and hospitalization insurance."

Self-employed persons must contribute seven per cent of the market value of their services for certain benefits; they would not have coverage for unemployment insurance or temporary disability or maternity benefits.

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